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In re Application of:  
AMOS, PAMELA LOUISE  
Serial No. 10/508,900  
Filed: Sep. 23, 2004  
Docket: 40735022/53500US

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CLEANING HOOK & LOOP  
ATTACHMENT MATERIALS

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: DECISION ON PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181  
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This is a decision on the petition filed Nov. 24, 2008 under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting withdrawal of the finality of the last Office action mailed Sep. 12, 2008.

The petition is granted.

It is noted that the record does show that in the amendment filed on May 22, 2008, the applicant did not amend at least the independent claim 15. There was no changes in scope of at least claim 15. Therefore, the rejections of at least claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brickley (U.S. Pat. 3,999,244) and Miller (U.S. Pat. 1,916,08) were not necessitated by the amendment filed on May 22, 2008. As such, the finality of the Office actions issued on Sep. 12, 2008 is premature and thus the finality of the action is hereby withdrawn. Since the finality is being withdrawn, the amendment filed on Nov. 10, 2008 in response to the Office action dated Sep. 12, 2008 has been treated as a 37 CFR § 1.111 amendment. The amendment of Nov. 10, 2008 has been entered. The examiner has been directed to issue a new Office action.

The application is being forwarded to Supervisory Patent Examiner of Art Unit 3727 for consideration of the amendment filed on Nov. 10, 2008. Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen, Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4856.

PETITION GRANTED.

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